

Kevin J. Martin, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12 Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Vermont Telephone Petition, WC Docket 08-56

Dear Chairman Martin and the FCC:

I live in the Town of Wells, Vermont and have been a Comcast video and Internet customer for several months. I also have phone service from Vermont Telephone, known as "VTEL".

Last fall, I learned that Comcast was offering a Triple Play Bundle that included Comcast's new voice service in my town. I called Comcast and they installed its new Comcast Digital Voice service with a new phone number. I now have Comcast's Triple Play Bundle and am very satisfied with all my Comcast services.

However, there is a problem. I still have, and am still paying for, my phone service with VTel. I would like to transfer my VTel number to Comcast, but have not been able to do so. If I could transfer my number to Comcast, I could stop paying VTel for service I no longer need.

The inability to transfer my VTel number to Comcast is a big problem for me. I am the contact person as Chairman for Rotary International's District Foundation and New England's Rotary Membership Chairman. Both positions require my phone number to be available and appear in numerous directories around the world. I cannot realistically change those listings and really want my VTel number transferred to Comcast.

I've talked to Comcast, which has tried to help, but Comcast has told me that VTel refused to transfer my number because there is no agreement between the two companies. Comcast also told me that they will continue trying to port my VTel number but until they work out an agreement with VTel, they cannot.

I understand that VTel has filed papers with the Commission, which could take many months to resolve. All it does for me is to delay the date when I can get my VTel number transferred to Comcast. I am being literally held hostage. Nobody should have to go through what I'm going through to get the phone service of his or her choice.

I hope you can help me with this situation.

Sincerely,

David Benson